



PATENT
Atty Docket No. 390533

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT,
SUPPLEMENTAL, DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR CIP)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is of the following type:

- ☒ original
- ☐ design
- ☐ supplemental
- ☐ national stage of PCT
- ☐ divisional
- ☐ continuation
- ☐ continuation-in-part
- ☐ provisional

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification:

- ☐ is attached hereto.
- ☒ was filed on February 14, 2001 as Serial No. 09/783,233, or Express Mail No. EL331153075US, if the Serial No. is not yet known and was amended on _____ (if applicable).
- ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____ filed on _____ and as amended on PCT Article 19 on _____ (if any).

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-mentioned specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above (if any).

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 (a).

- ☐ and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and
- ☒ in compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement 37 CFR 1.97.

**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATION(S)
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 120**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of the application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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**PRIOR U.S. APPLICATIONS OR PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION(S)
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35 USC 119 PRIORITY CLAIM, IF ANY, FOR ABOVE LISTED
U.S./PCT APPLICATIONS

DETAILS OF FOREIGN APPLICATION FROM WHICH PRIORITY
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APPLICATION NUMBER	COUNTRY	DATE OF FILING (day. mo. yr.)	DATE OF ISSUE (day. mo. yr.)
1. <u>60/182,630</u>	<u>United States</u>	<u>15.02.00</u>	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____

☒ **PRIORITY CLAIM**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

- ☒ No such applications have been filed.
☐ Such applications have been filed as follows.

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 119
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POWER OF ATTORNEY

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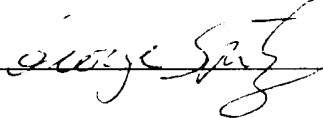
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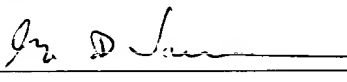
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